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1. [redacted] of OCI, coordinated with me the draft of a paper to be submitted to the Security Subcommittee of USCIB on the subject of procedures for agency releases of classified material to the Congress. Each of the member agencies of USCIB are being asked for these statements. The OCI paper is merely a restatement of the CIA regulation on the subject.

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2. The (Watkins) Senate Select Committee to Study Censure Charges Against Senator McCarthy has rendered its report. The Select Committee eliminated the following charges submitted by Senator Flanders:

a. "He has proclaimed publicly his intention to subperna citizens of good reputation and then never called them" (including [redacted], because this charge, even if fully supported and established, would not in the judgment of the Committee constitute censurable conduct;

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b. "He has repeatedly used verbal subpoenas of questionable legality. (Tried to prevent State Department granting visa to [redacted] on ground that he was under 'oral subpoena')", because the Committee felt that the charge would be of doubtful validity as a basis for censure and the charge would have required more time to investigate than was practically available to the Committee in order to determine it properly;

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c. "He has announced investigations prematurely, subsequently dropping these investigations so that the question whether there was ever any serious intent to pursue them may be justifiably raised, along with the inevitable conclusion that publicity was the only purpose. (Central Intelligence Agency, Beria, and so forth)", because the charge was too vague and uncertain or too broad in apparent scope to justify formal hearings.

3. I have talked with Mr. Lewis, Administrative Assistant to Senator Margaret Chase Smith, who will accompany the Senator on her trip around the world, regarding the possibility of briefing Senator Smith prior to her departure. Mr. Lewis informed me that State was going to give Mrs. Smith a full briefing, and I then indicated that in view of this briefing it would appear that Mrs. Smith would be fully covered and might not need anything further from CIA. Unless the DCI feels he would like to brief Mrs. Smith on some operational matters, it is not recommended that any further steps be taken.